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The meeting was called to order at 10.15 a.m.

Agenda item 113: Appointments to fill vacancies in subsidiary organs and other appointments

1. **The Chair** drew the Committee's attention to rule 92 of the rules of procedure of the General Assembly concerning elections by secret ballot and to paragraph 16 of General Assembly decision 34/401 on the rationalization of the procedures and organization of the General Assembly.

(d) Appointment of members of the International Civil Service Commission

(i) Appointment of members of the Commission (A/65/104/Rev.1; A/C.5/65/7)

2. **The Chair** drew the Committee's attention to document A/65/104/Rev.1, in which the Secretary-General referred to articles 2 to 4 of the statute of the Commission and invited the General Assembly to appoint five persons to fill the vacancies that would arise in the Commission on 31 December 2010. In document A/C.5/65/7, the Secretary-General communicated the names of seven persons who had been nominated by their respective Governments for appointment or reappointment for a four-year term of office beginning on 1 January 2011. Following the issuance of that document, the Secretariat had been informed that the Government of Argentina had withdrawn the candidature of its nominee, Mr. Guillermo Enrique González.

3. Since the number of candidates from the Group of African States, the Group of Latin American and Caribbean States and the Group of Western European and Other States corresponded to the number of vacancies for those regional groups, he took it that the Committee wished to recommend the candidates' appointment or reappointment by acclamation.

4. *It was so decided.*

5. *Mr. Boateng (Ghana) and Mr. Rhodes (Sierra Leone), in the case of the Group of African States, Ms. Gardner (Jamaica), in the case of the Group of Latin American and Caribbean States, and Ms. Bechtel (France), in the case of the Group of Western European and Other States, were recommended for appointment or reappointment to the International Civil Service Commission for a four-year term beginning on 1 January 2011.*

6. **The Chair** drew the Committee's attention to rule 93 of the rules of procedure of the General Assembly and invited members to elect by secret ballot one candidate from the Group of Eastern European States.

7. *At the invitation of the Chair, Mr. Wang Tao (China), Mr. Murongwana (South Africa) and Ms. García-Agulló (Spain) acted as tellers.*

8. *A vote was taken by secret ballot.*

Number of ballot papers:	188
Number of valid ballots:	188
Abstentions:	3
Number of members voting:	185
Required majority:	93
Number of votes obtained:	
Mr. Wyzner (Poland)	110
Mr. Mihut (Romania)	75

9. *Having obtained the required majority, Mr. Wyzner (Poland) was recommended for reappointment to the International Civil Service Commission for a four-year term beginning on 1 January 2011.*

(ii) Designation of the Chairman of the Commission (A/65/104/Rev.1; A/C.5/65/7/Add.1)

10. **The Chair** drew the Committee's attention to document A/65/104/Rev.1, in which the Secretary-General referred to articles 2 to 4 of the statute of the Commission and invited the General Assembly to designate a Chairman to fill the vacancy that would arise in the Commission on 31 December 2010. In document A/C.5/65/7/Add.1, the Secretary-General communicated the name of one person who had been nominated by his Government to serve as Chairman of the Commission for a four-year term of office beginning on 1 January 2011. Since the number of candidates corresponded to the number of vacancies, he took it that the Committee wished to recommend the candidate's designation by acclamation.

11. *It was so decided.*

12. *Mr. Rhodes (Sierra Leone) was recommended for designation as Chairman of the International Civil Service Commission for a four-year term beginning on 1 January 2011.*

(a) Appointment of members of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions (A/65/101/Rev.1; A/C.5/65/4)

13. **The Chair** drew the Committee's attention to document A/65/101/Rev.1, in which the Secretary-General referred to rules 155 and 156 of the rules of procedure of the General Assembly and invited the Assembly to appoint six persons to fill the vacancies that would arise in the membership of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions on 31 December 2010. In document A/C.5/65/4, the Secretary-General communicated the names of eight persons who had been nominated by their respective Governments for appointment or reappointment for a three-year term of office beginning on 1 January 2011. Following the issuance of that document, the Secretariat had been informed that the Government of Saudi Arabia had withdrawn the candidature of its nominee, Mr. Khalid Alwafi.

14. Since the number of candidates from the Group of Latin American and Caribbean States and the Group of Western European and Other States corresponded to the number of vacancies for those regional groups, he took it that the Committee wished to recommend the candidates' appointment or reappointment by acclamation.

15. *It was so decided.*

16. *Mr. Ruiz Massieu (Mexico), in the case of the Group of Latin American and Caribbean States, and Mr. Maddens (Belgium) and Mr. Moon (United Kingdom), in the case of the Group of Western European and Other States, were recommended for appointment or reappointment to the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions for a three-year term beginning on 1 January 2011.*

17. After drawing the Committee's attention to rule 94 of the rules of procedure of the General Assembly, he invited members to elect by secret ballot three candidates from the Group of Asian States.

18. *At the invitation of the Chair, Ms. Brown (New Zealand), Ms. Rafajová (Slovakia) and Mr. Ceriani (Uruguay) acted as tellers.*

19. *A vote was taken by secret ballot.*

Number of ballot papers:	190
Number of valid ballots:	190
Number of members voting:	190
Required majority:	96
Number of votes obtained:	
Ms. Khampa (India)	164
Mr. Sugiyama (Japan)	147
Mr. Zhang Wanhai (China)	130
Mr. Hussain (Pakistan)	114

20. *Having obtained the required majority and the largest number of votes, Ms. Khampa (India), Mr. Sugiyama (Japan) and Mr. Zhang Wanhai (China) were recommended for appointment or reappointment to the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions for a three-year term beginning on 1 January 2011.*

(b) Appointment of members of the Committee on Contributions (A/65/102/Rev.1; A/C.5/65/5)

21. **The Chair** drew the Committee's attention to document A/65/102/Rev.1, in which the Secretary-General referred to rules 158 and 159 of the rules of procedure of the General Assembly and invited the Assembly to appoint six persons to fill the vacancies that would arise in the membership of the Committee on Contributions on 31 December 2010. In document A/C.5/65/5, the Secretary-General communicated the names of six persons who had been nominated by their respective Governments for appointment or reappointment for a three-year term of office beginning on 1 January 2011. Since the number of candidates from the Group of African States, the Group of Latin American and Caribbean States and the Group of Western European and Other States corresponded to the number of vacancies for those regional groups, he took it that the Committee wished to recommend the candidates' appointment or reappointment by acclamation.

22. *It was so decided.*

23. *Mr. Acakpo-Satchivi (Benin) and Mr. Ndong Mbomio Mangue (Equatorial Guinea), in the case of the Group of African States, Mr. Greiver (Uruguay) and Mr. Pedroso (Cuba), in the case of the Group of Latin American and Caribbean States, and Mr. Eckersley (Australia) and Mr. Schlesinger (Austria), in the case of the Group of Western European and Other States, were recommended for appointment or reappointment to the Committee on Contributions for a three-year term beginning on 1 January 2011.*

(c) Confirmation of the appointment of members of the Investments Committee (A/65/103; A/C.5/65/6)

24. **The Chair** drew the Committee's attention to document A/65/103, in which the Secretary-General referred to article 20 of the Regulations of the United Nations Joint Staff Pension Fund and invited the General Assembly to confirm the appointment or reappointment of the four persons whom he had designated to fill vacancies in the Investments Committee for a term of office beginning on 1 January 2011. In document A/C.5/65/6, the Secretary-General submitted the names of four persons for confirmation by the General Assembly. Since the number of candidates corresponded to the number of vacancies, he took it that the Committee wished to recommend by acclamation that the Assembly should confirm the candidates' appointment or reappointment.

25. *It was so decided.*

26. *The Committee recommended that the Assembly should confirm the appointment or reappointment of Mr. Jiang (China), Mr. Kassow (Germany) and Mr. McDonough (United States of America) for a three-year term and Ms. Ploix (France) for a one-year term beginning on 1 January 2011.*

27. **The Chair** said that, in accordance with past practice, the Secretary-General proposed to appoint Ms. Ochoa-Brillembourg (Bolivarian Republic of Venezuela) and reappoint Mr. Pictet (Switzerland) as ad hoc members of the Investments Committee for a one-year term of office beginning on 1 January 2011. He took it that the Committee wished to recommend by acclamation that the Assembly should confirm their appointment or reappointment.

28. *It was so decided.*

29. *The Committee recommended that the Assembly should confirm the appointment of Ms. Ochoa-Brillembourg (Bolivarian Republic of Venezuela) and the reappointment of Mr. Pictet (Switzerland) as ad hoc members of the Investments Committee for a one-year term beginning on 1 January 2011.*

(e) Appointment of members of the Independent Audit Advisory Committee (A/65/105; A/C.5/65/8)

30. **The Chair** drew the Committee's attention to document A/65/105, in which the Secretary-General referred to paragraphs 3, 10, 11, 12 and 13 of the annex to General Assembly resolution 61/275 and invited the Assembly to appoint three persons to fill the vacancies that would arise in the membership of the Independent Audit Advisory Committee on 31 December 2010. In document A/C.5/65/8, the Secretary-General communicated the names of three persons who had been nominated by their respective Governments for appointment or reappointment for a three-year term of office beginning on 1 January 2011. Since the number of candidates from the Group of Asian States, the Group of Eastern European States and the Group of Latin American and Caribbean States corresponded to the number of vacancies for those regional groups, he took it that the Committee wished to recommend the candidates' appointment or reappointment by acclamation.

31. *It was so decided.*

32. *Mr. Rai (India), in the case of the Group of Asian States, Mr. Dubinkin (Russian Federation), in the case of the Group of Eastern European States, and Mr. Strachan (Jamaica), in the case of the Group of Latin American and Caribbean States, were recommended for appointment or reappointment to the Independent Audit Advisory Committee for a three-year term beginning on 1 January 2011.*

The meeting rose at 11.55 a.m.